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REMARKS

1. The Office Action states, in Sections 1-4, that:

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-8 (the applicant reads it as Claims 1-7), drawn to an ophthalmic adaptive-optics instrument, classified in class 351, subclass 205.
- II. Claims 8-17, drawn to a surgical station for customized corneal ablation, classified in class 606, subclass 5.
- III. Claims 18-20, Drawn to a method for custom lens making, classified in class 351, subclass 177.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as product and process of use. ***

Invention I and II (the applicant reads it as I and III) are related as process of making and product made. ***

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and ***, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant agrees with the above classifications and elects Invention I for examination. Applicant has amended the claims to reflect the selection. More specifically, Applicant has amended the claims as follows:

- a) Amended independent claims 8 and 18 to become dependent claims of Claim 1.
- b) Cancelled dependent claims 9 - 13.
- c) Amended dependent claims 14-17 and 19-20 accordingly.
- d) Added new dependent claims 21-25.

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2. The Office Action states, in Section 5, that:

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined *** and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

Applicant has elected Invention I to be examined. All claims as amended encompass Invention I and belong to the same classification.

3. The Office Action states, in Section 6, that:

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. ***

Applicant has reviewed the inventorship and no change is needed at this point.

In summary, Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner's detailed explanations in the Office Action. Applicant has answered every issue raised in the Office Action and has amended the claims accordingly. More specifically, Applicant has elected Invention I to be examined and has amended the claims to reflect this selection. Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are thus respectfully requested.

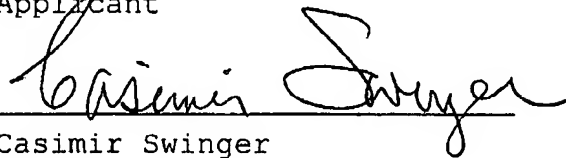
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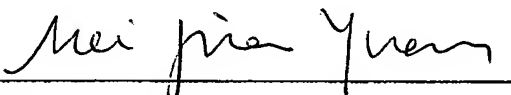
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